

SOME people are so ungrateful, they're complaining because it's cloudy here, while California is flooded.

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FEARS HURRIED ACTION. STATES PRESIDENT, NOT LACK OF ACTION

Executive, Making First of Preparedness Speeches, Appeals for Calmest Sort of Consideration of Step.

PEACE MAIN OBJECT OF PREPARATION, HE SAYS

Tells Throng that Real Test of National Readiness Lies not in Congress but with Men of Country.

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 29.—President Wilson, speaking here today, his six-day program of speaking in the middle west on national preparedness, told a throng which packed Memorial hall that the test of national preparedness lay not with congress but with the men of the country and their answer to the call to volunteer and their employers, who should impose no obstacle to free response.

"And for one," the president said, "I believe both the young men and the employers will do their duty."

"And I am not afraid that America will not do enough. I am only desirous that she should be very fully conscious of what she does, and that her judgment is worth a thousand hasty counsels."

The president declared against the taking of advice of professional soldiers and soldiers on some questions.

"It is time that we attempted, at any rate, to apply the standards of our own life to national defense. What do we want to defend? Need I answer?"

"We want to defend the equal honor of a nation against all other nations and we wish to maintain the peace of the western hemisphere."

"Where are our great needs of defense?"

"Did you ever stop to reflect just what it is that America stands for? She stands for the sovereignty of the self-governing peoples of the world, her assistance, our encouragement, our thrill to two continents in this western hemisphere. This is what we stand for."

"It seems to me that America is in love with efficiency. Material efficiency of which we hear so much only underlies, however, what I may call spiritual efficiency."

"I, for my part, have a great enthusiasm for rendering America a militarily efficient. The plans for our military efficiency do not provide for a great army. We want only an army necessary for the United States and for peace, but we want back of that army a trained body of men. These men should be civilians, men who know that the arts of peace come before the arts of war."

"Men should dread war and know that everything on which the nation depends comes from peace."

"The details of the army plans do not make any difference. Perhaps others have better plans. But I do want an adequate and efficient force of at least 500,000 men trained to the arts of war who will be ready to protect the nation."

"This nation will not be stalked by ghosts and fancies."

"I am proposing something, more than temporary. It is my conception that as the government has encouraged a general training it should also encourage industrial training, and it is perfectly feasible along with industrial training to instruct our young men in the handling of rifles and guns and the rudimentary arts of warfare, instruct them and at the same time quicken and enable the performance of the tasks of peace."

"But we can't take them now to develop and encourage these schools. We must train and equip a very considerable body of men."

"The test of preparedness does not lie in congress. It is going to be in the response of the young men of this country to the call to volunteer and of the employers of those men to place no obstacle to their answering the call. I, for one, believe there are many selfish influences at work in this country. When it comes, however, to the test, I believe America can produce as much substantial patriotism as any other land under the sun."

"The president's words were marked frequently by applause. He spoke rapidly but clearly."

"I am not afraid of debate. I am not afraid that out of it we will not get results. I am talking myself and certainly the other fellow should have his chance."

"I am sorry this is a campaign year. I hope this question will not be a partisan question. No man should attempt to make political capital of it. I will be ashamed of my friends who take a different view."

"Republicans and Democrats have many differences but there is no reason why they should differ on this issue. Both parties are patriotic."

Relief Column Starts for the Olay Vally; 50 People Drowned

Party Traveling in Automobiles, with Heavy Trucks Loaded with Provisions Following, Leaves San Diego.

PONTOONS TAKEN FOR CROSSING THE STREAMS

Water Supply of Settlement Cut Off by Bursting of Dam; 13,000,000 Gallons of Water Freed.

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Storms which have afflicted the Pacific coast and Rocky mountain regions continued today. Fifty persons are dead in the Olay valley, southern California and half a score of lives lost in other portions of the far west was the estimated toll to date of the storm which started Thursday. The property loss will run into millions and was difficult of close estimate today.

More rain for the coast was predicted and heavy snows for already snow-covered mountains.

Trains of transcontinental lines in the north were reported reaching the coast, although delayed by snow and intense cold in Montana.

Kelowna, B. C., reported cool all day and intense cold.

Two thousand persons reside in the Olay valley which today was in desolation from the flood waters caused by the breaking of the lower Olay dam. The valley stretches back from the coast south of San Diego inland for about ten miles, narrowing into the gorge across which the dam was built in 1897. From this gorge it fans out to a breadth of nearly two miles. The impounding of the waters dried the valley of the old Olay river.

According to a description of the valley by H. A. Whitney, a hydraulic engineer of the state railroad commission who was recently engaged in the district, the hillsides would offer assistance to the inhabitants if they had little time for flight.

San Diego's hope of a temporary water supply, said Mr. Whitney, lay in a connection, not far from National City, between the lower pipe line from the Olay dam to San Diego and the Sweetwater water system. The pipe line from the lower Olay reservoir to San Diego and the pipe line from the Sweetwater reservoir cross. He recommended this connection several years ago for emergency use.

REPORTS OF OLAY DISASTER AT FIRST DISCREDITED

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—Copies of the San Diego Union of Friday morning arrived here today by boat. The paper states that reports that the Olay dam had broken were received in San Diego Thursday night but that efforts to confirm the rumor brought information indicating that everything was safe. Communication with points near the dam was cut off Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mayor Capps and other city officials of San Diego made a trip to Sweetwater junction on the Bonita road to investigate conditions. They found that the pipe lines from the lower Olay had been washed out where they crossed the Sweetwater river.

Efforts of the officials to reach the Olay valley were unsuccessful. Many residents of the valley needed warning to flee to high ground, the newspaper said, but many others decided to remain at their homes.

REASONS IN TRAGEDY ADDED

REASON FOR STATE INSPECTION

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 29.—Major Paul M. Norbin, assistant state engineer, declared today that the tragedy connected with the breaking of the Olay dam near San Diego was called attention to by the necessity for state inspection of all dams. The Olay dam never had been inspected by the engineering department.

RELIEF COLUMN IS STARTED FROM SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 29.—Relief parties in automobiles and a procession of motor trucks left here today for the stricken Olay valley, fifteen miles to the south, where the bursting of the lower Olay dam late Thursday flooded 13,000,000 gallons of water upon the little streak of arid lands between ridges of hills and drowned probably fifty persons. The motor trucks carried provisions for the survivors in the valley, tolls and pontoons for fording swollen streams where bridges are out. The pace of the relief expedition, it was thought, would depend upon the stowage vehicles. All communication with the valley and the little town of Olay at its foot remained cut off.

This city, some fifteen miles up San Diego bay from the stricken Olay creek, was in its direst danger from the flood at any time, but its water supply, coming largely from the system of which the lower Olay dam was a part, was curtailed today, and National City and Chula Vista, suburbs, were reported cut off from the main water sources altogether.

Persons familiar with the contour of the country said today that the loss of life and greatest damage undoubtedly occurred close to the dam and that in the lower valley, which is

broad, property damage would be great but loss of life unlikely.

Engineering parties, and civil authorities joined the rescue party which hastened today to the site of the lower Olay dam, seventeen miles northwest of here. An investigation of engineering methods will be made, it was stated, and will be of particular interest in this case because the lower dam was of unusual construction. The dam, 130 feet high, was of the lower rock type, with concrete side walls. In the center was imbedded a core of riveted steel, the object being to make a watertight dam without building a solid concrete one. A masonry structure, in fact, was first intended and foundations were laid for it. The change created considerable interested speculation among engineers at the time and one test in reservoir, discussing it, declared that until the dam had been filled and remained filled for a considerable period, no one would be able to say whether or not the design would be a success. Whether any money was saved by making the change, the same authority says, could not be determined.

Olay creek empties into the very foot of San Diego bay and wooded ranch houses and dead animals borne ten miles in the bay by the current of the flood brought first intimations here that a flood had occurred. For many hours after the disaster, no word of it had traversed the ridges fifteen miles from Olay creek to this city.

SIXTY LIVES AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TOLL OF STORM

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—The general storm that has raged over the Pacific coast since early Thursday has claimed a toll of not less than sixty lives and caused property damage amounting to millions of dollars, according to reports thus far received.

It was feared that further loss of life might be reported when lines of communication with at present isolated parts of the state are closed.

The greatest loss of life occurred in the Olay valley, south of San Diego, when the lower dam of the California Mountain Water company broke Thursday afternoon. Not less than fifty persons, according to figures reported by the coroner, lost their lives, and scores more are missing.

The storm tossed waters of the Pacific claimed eight lives early yesterday morning when the garbage carrier Aberdeen of Oakland, Cal., was wrecked off the San Francisco beach. No bodies have been recovered.

Flood waters and high winds did much damage in various parts of the state. The oil districts in particular have suffered severely, hundreds of derricks being toppled over.

Snow fell generally throughout the northern part of the state. Telephone and telegraph communications throughout the state which was generally deluged by the storm was gradually being restored.

The storm struck the northwestern states heavily, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana reporting cold and snow. Montana last night was shivering in what was termed the worst storm in twenty years, with the thermometer ranging from 20 to 24 degrees below zero. Railway traffic was at a standstill on account of drifts and snow slides.

Flood conditions prevailed in Arizona, reports from Yuma being to the effect that the rivers above that point were swelling rapidly and that fears were entertained of a repetition of the flood of last week. Reports from Phoenix said that the hills river was rising rapidly. Flood waters from the Colorado and Gila are expected to meet at the confluence at Yuma tomorrow morning.

Riverside, Cal., today faced a shortage of drinking water as a result of the washing out by the flood waters of the Santa Ana river of 800 feet of the water main carrying the city's supply.

The storm was reported today to be gradually moving eastward and more favorable conditions for the Pacific coast were predicted.

THIRD RAIN STORM IS SWEEPING PACIFIC COAST

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—A third rain storm within two weeks was sweeping down the Pacific coast today, bringing further damage and suffering to residents of flooded districts in southern California. A steady rain began falling here early today.

Officials of the local government weather bureau stated that they had received no reports on weather conditions at San Diego, but that the rain was general and probably would reach that district.

Further rain, it was feared, would cause intense suffering to the many families reported homeless and without food supplies as the result of the bursting of the dam Thursday in the Olay valley south of San Diego.

SILVER CITIANS IN FAST GAMES DEFEAT BOTH COLLEGE TEAMS

Silver City, N. M., Jan. 29.—Two of the fastest games put on in this city for some time were won by the Normal school men's and women's teams from the state college five and six last evening. The men defeated the college men by a score of 20 to 19, the women won from the college sextet 24 to 15.

Both games were hard fought and were witnessed by a big crowd. The championship of this section was involved and the state championship will be decided, it is a measure, from the results.

Both sets of contestants will play the university at Albuquerque early next month.

Argentine Foreign Trade.

Buenos Aires, Jan. 29.—Official statistics of the foreign trade of Argentina in 1915 shows imports of \$238,892,000, exports \$258,380,000. Imports decreased \$45,000,000, exports increased \$209,000,000.

Grand Jury to Probe Plot to Slur Chicago Administration

Alleged Criminals are Being Imported to Commit Crimes, Thereby Discrediting Efforts for Clean City.

SPECIAL INQUEST WILL INVESTIGATE CONSPIRACY

Many Indictments will be Asked by State's Attorney's Office as Soon as New Body Convenes, is Stated.

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) Chicago, Jan. 29.—Charges that criminals are being brought from New York and other cities to commit crimes in Chicago for the purpose of discrediting the state attorney's office and the city administration is to be investigated by a special grand jury, according to police officials.

In an alleged confession made public last night by the police, Eddie Mack, a notorious pickpocket, and charged with leading the auditors who robbed the Washington Park National bank of \$15,000 is said to have revealed a plot to discredit both city and county officials and members of the police department.

"It was generally known among crooks that imported gun men were going after Captain West (captain of detectives) and Maclay Hoyle (state attorney of Cook county) because they were after the money," Mack is alleged by the police to have said.

"Certain politicians and police officials are bringing them into town," Mack is reported to have added. According to the state attorney's office at least six police officers are implicated by Mack's confession in which he is quoted as naming as "fixers" for criminals and as having accepted money for the protection from the law.

Several police officers recently were convicted on similar charges.

Assistant State's Attorney Frank Johnson, Jr., said today that the grand jury would be asked to return immediately indictments against Mack, Charles and Harry Kramer, Alex Brock and Harry Jerome who were taken into custody yesterday charged with the robbery. The jurymen, Johnson also said, would also investigate the possibility that the men were involved in the robbery of the Cook Tourist agency and the resultant murder of Policeman Fred Johnson. He said that should this connection be proved and also that certain policemen and politicians had allowed the criminals to work in Chicago, charges of conspiracy before the fact to the murder of Policeman Johnson would be looked upon.

With the alleged confession of Mack and the Kramer brothers that they robbed the Washington Park bank, the authorities today were paying great attention to reports and transportation of criminals to discredit the administration. The Kramer brothers were quoted as having said that they were intimates of the Rosenthal murderers in New York.

According to Charles Kramer the brothers were taken into custody by New York police shortly after the murder in July, 1915, of Herman Rosenthal. They were found by police in the room of Harry Horowitz, known to the New York authorities as "Gyp the Blood," and were held while the murder was being investigated but later released.

They came to Chicago last September. Brodie and Feme also are said to have police records in New York.

Only a portion of the alleged confessions were made public by the police and no announcement was made regarding what information, if any, had been obtained from half a dozen other persons, several of them women, who are held as material witnesses.

Leader of Bank Robbers Had a Pact With Law

Eddie Mack Never "Worked" While with His Family and was not Molested by Police Unless Alone.

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) Chicago, Jan. 29.—Eddie Mack, arrested as the leader of the bandits who robbed the Washington Park National bank, and who is said to have confessed, is known to Chicago police as a "family man," according to information made public today.

He lived on the south side here and has for years attended baseball games at the Chicago American league park accompanied by his wife and ten-year-old daughter. When accompanied by his family, police said, Mack was never arrested. There was a tacit agreement that he never "worked" a crowd save when alone.

Mack, who came to Chicago years ago from Cincinnati, is a neat dresser.

He is devoted to his daughter and invalid wife. He had no "hang out" save his own home and did not use drugs, a circumstance which the police consider marks him as unique among men of his kind.

Six indictments charging robbery were returned today against four of the men accused of robbing the Washington Park National bank of \$15,000 in a spectacular raid Thursday morning.

No indictment was returned against the fifth man, Eddie Mack, who, the police say, was the leader of the robbers and from whom, according to the police, a complete confession was obtained.

Mack was a witness before the grand jury and, according to the prosecutor's office, repeated the confession he had previously made to the police.

White Is Given Exoneration of Death of Perea

Customs Inspector Relieved of Suspension for Shooting Alleged Member of Duran Band.

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) El Paso, Tex., Jan. 29.—J. D. White, the customs inspector who yesterday shot and killed Francisco Perea, one of the Duran band of cattle thieves whose operations resulted in the murder of Bert Akers, an American, at San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, a week ago, was exonerated by United States officials today and relieved of suspension. White's bond of \$500 for his appearance in the state court, however, still stands and he will go to trial later.

Two other members of the Duran band, Abel Romero and Augustin Chavez, were arrested on this side of the boundary and taken to jail. The three were deported yesterday by Arizona authorities who notified American officials that they would be sent across the line in the vicinity of San Jose near Yuleta. Chavez and Romero will be held for investigation.

When Perea was apprehended by White and another officer he was riding a stolen horse.

Fourteen Girls Rescued From a Band of Bandits

Carranza Forces Capture all Rifles, Ammunition and Horses of Former Villa Leader in Chihuahua.

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) El Paso, Tex., Jan. 29.—Alfonso Miguel Hernandez, former Villa commander and Pearson, western Chihuahua, and his band of about 125 men, were attacked by Mexican forces of Cuernavaca, in the Guerrero district and lost all of their horses, rifles and ammunition, according to a report reaching the border today. The ranchers rescued fourteen Mexican girls who had been kidnaped by the bandits.

According to the report, Hernandez, who recently was refused amnesty by the Carranza government, gathered all his forces together at Pearson for a return to Zacatecas.

Passing through Cuernavaca, it was reported, he kidnaped fourteen girls, aged from 12 to 14 years.

Manuel Lozano, father of one of the girls, raised the ranchers of the district. After two days' ride the ranchers surprised the bandits one evening and opened fire.

The bandits were unable to reach their mounts and rifles. According to the report, after about forty of the bandits had been killed the others fled. About fifty ranchers were said to have been in the attacking party.

HALIFAX EXPLOSION INJURES FOUR MEN

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) Halifax, N. S., Jan. 29.—One officer and three soldiers were seriously injured and five soldiers received minor injuries and cuts today when an explosion occurred in the old Citadel building, where a military class in bomb manufacturing was listening to a lecture by Captain Ward of the sixth military division.

JUDGE BEN B. LINDSEY INVESTIGATING CHILD WELFARE IN EUROPE

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) The Hague, Jan. 29. (Via London, 11:25 a. m.)—Ben B. Lindsey has left Holland for Berlin to study the needs of children in the neighboring countries. It is said Henry Ford, before leaving Christmas, told Mr. Lindsey that if it were feasible he would provide ample funds to help the children. Judge Lindsey hopes later to do to England and will leave there for the United States.

West Still in Grip of Bitter Cold but Warm Wave is Coming

Snow and Ice Tie up Colorado Railroads; Wire Communications Rapidly Returning to the Normal.

DESPERATE MEASURES BEING TAKEN AT YUMA

Every Energy Bent to Salving Life and Property from Regions About to be Endangered by Record Rise in Stream

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) Denver, Jan. 29.—Temperatures below the seasonable average from Oklahoma to Alberta were reported by the government weather bureau today but the deficiency was not so marked as for several days.

Clear skies and slowly rising mercury indicated a rapid improvement in storm conditions in Colorado. Railroad traffic generally was reported only slightly delayed. In southwestern Colorado the Denver & Rio Grande resumed backing snow and headquarters here stated they expected to clear their main line today.

At points in this district 25 feet of snow was encountered.

Telephone and telegraph communication throughout Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico was rapidly returning to normal but serious interruptions were experienced between Denver and Missouri river points.

Snow and sleet in Missouri, Mississippi river valleys protruded from east and wire communication was seriously interrupted. Telegraph companies here were accepting business for Kansas City, Dallas and Chicago, subject to delays of thirty minutes to three hours.

FARMINGTON LINE ONLY ONE IN COLORADO OPEN

Durango, Colo., Jan. 29.—With the exception of a branch line to Farmington, N. M., all railroad lines in southwestern Colorado were blocked today by snowdrifts. Numerous avalanches had also caused almost complete suspension of mining operations. Ranchmen with snowshoes were endeavoring to carry feed to snowed-in livestock. Property damage from slides has been considerable but there seems to be no loss of life early today.

Men on snowshoes from the Columbus mine in La Plata county reached Valley View camp and telephoned that James Doyle and twenty miners, marooned at their camp on Mount Lewis, still were alive. Their situation was reported precarious and their escape put off by slides ranging for ten miles along the canyon.

An avalanche covered the Denver & Rio Grande track for half a mile near Houdart. The Rio Grande southern from Houdart to Telluride was reported tied up by a big slide.

DESPERATE PROTECTIVE STEP BEING TAKEN AT YUMA

Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 29.—The Colorado and Gila rivers, swollen by recent rains, continued to rise last night and today, and in anticipation of floods greater than those of a week ago, inhabitants of the low-lying river districts, talking with them all livestock and movable property.

The Colorado rose two feet last night at Yuma and at Gila Bend, 150 miles northwest of here, the Gila was reported two feet higher than at any previous time.

The Southern Pacific railroad today began the construction of a spur on the government levee that gave way last week, preparatory to further reinforcing it with rock and dirt. Under the direction of United States reclamation officials large forces of men are engaged in further repair work in the hope of preventing the 18,000-acre tract from again being inundated.

Residents of the Imperial valley district here are bending every effort to strengthen their levees to withstand what is expected to be the worst flood in the history of the section.

A further rise of the Colorado river late today caused residents of this city to hasten efforts to remove property from the impounded districts. The First National bank began moving its effects. Every available team in the city was used in moving goods from stores. The crest of the Gila river floods as yet have not reached here.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

SENATE. Senator Newlands introduced resolution for a re-organization committee on national defense measure.

HOUSE. Representative Foss of Illinois introduced former President McKinley in observance of his birthday.

ENTENTE GAINING WHILE GERMANIC POWERS LOSE, IS VIEW OF ENGLAND

David Lloyd George Gives Italian Newspaper Interview in Which He Declares Allies will not Weaken.

"ENGLAND NOT ALONE THIS TIME," HE SAYS

"A Democratic War," Minister of Munitions Denominates Conflict, "or I should have Nothing to do with it."

(By Evening Herald Special Wire) Paris, Jan. 29 (4:45 a. m.)—The Paris newspapers published further excerpts from the interview yesterday of David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, with the London correspondent of the Milan Secolo, in which the minister was quoted as saying the allies are only just beginning and that they are gaining now while Germany is weakening. The excerpts follow:

"We have at present 3,000,000 men under arms," said Mr. Lloyd George, according to the interviewer, "and by spring we shall have 4,000,000 of soldiers added, fit and well equipped."

"This is a democratic war. It is not I should have nothing to do with it. I was opposed to the last war. This England engaged in, but in this war we have the full force of democracy in the whole world involved. It is a final struggle between military autocracy and political liberty, a hideous conflict, but one wherein we shall be victorious, of that I am certain. The central empire have lost their chance of victory and they know it. Great Britain is suited for this war to such a point that, if there were a general election, not a single anti-war member would be elected."

"I foresee no difficulty," continued the minister, "in connection with conscription. No fewer than six million men came forward to enlist. Some were unfit for service, others were required for the munitions factories, for the railroads and for the mines. About 250,000 are now affected by the compulsory service measure, but this number is diminishing through daily attendances."

"Do not be under any misapprehension," Mr. Lloyd George further stated as saying, "Great Britain is determined to push the war to the end. We may make mistakes, but we never give in. It is our British stubbornness which overthrew Napoleon after twenty years of war. Our allies then fell away one by one and England alone held on. This time our allies are so staunch and resolute as we are."

THOUSAND YARDS OF FRENCH POSITIONS CAPTURED

Berlin, Jan. 29 (via London). Captured an 800 yards of French positions north of Arras, including the village of Pesse and a number of machine guns and 92 prisoners were taken.

Northwest of Arras the Germans at most times along the front of about 1,700 yards, equipping 25 guns and nine machine guns.

ABSENCE OF NICHOLAS IS AN UNFORTUNATE MATTER

Berlin, Jan. 29 (via London to Skywire). The Lokai Anzeiger, commenting on the details of the surrender of Montenegro, states that the absence of King Nicholas at this time has little weight, since the constitution provides that the heir to the throne shall act in his absence and in the absence of the heir the cabinet is in possession of governmental power. The Montenegro delegates, General Pezar and Major Loputar, the newspaper says, signed the document on behalf of the cabinet members, who remained in Montenegro. Therefore, the Lokai Anzeiger declares the treaty is valid without ratification by the king, crown prince or anybody else connected with the government.

Besides, the newspaper says, King Nicholas committed himself by a letter written in his own hand and a telegram on January 13 in which he asked Emperor Francis Joseph for peace. The king left Montenegro January 18.

REVOLUTIONARY MENACE IS EVIDENT AT ATHENS

London, Jan. 29 (3:02 a. m.)—"The idea of a revolutionary movement of the present character is not absent from the minds of responsible politicians in Athens," said Lord Balfour of Scotland, the noted Venetian surgeon, in an interview on his return home after a professional visit to King Constantine of Greece, according to the Morning Post's Budapest correspondent.

"King Constantine," the correspondent says, "although most popular with the army, seems totally powerless."